Mechanism developed to runtrains in fog

3837. SHRJ VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a mechanism has been developed in the country by a mechanic for smooth running of trains even in fog and to avert sabotage but it is not being adopted by the Railways because of red-tapism in the department, as appeared in the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made by Government for trial run of mechanism and its adoption in trains to avoid huge loss to Railways as a result of fog and sabotage; and

(d) whether Government have initiated correspondence with the inventor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) Shri Surajdin Yadav of District Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh has claimed to have developed a new technique by which the train would not lose time during run, in fog. He has also claimed that if the train driver consumed alcohol or has suffered heart attack or has gone to sleep or has been killed or thrown out of the train, even then the train can be stopped automatically at the next station with this technique. Since the proposal of Shri Yadav concerns technical aspects, he was asked to submit the details of his proposal to RDSO for detailed scrutiny. However, Shri Yadav has not yet submitted the same to RDSO.

Concession to patients in Rajdhani/Jan Shatabdi

3838. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have allowed concession in railway ticket to cancer, thalassemia and heart patients for travelling in mail and express trains;

(b) if so, the de

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend this facility in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi Express trains; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Heart patients are granted concession when called by recognized hospitals for heart surgery. Cancer and thalassemia patients are granted concession for treatment and periodical check up. The element of concession is 75% in second, Sleeper, First, AC Chair Car & AC 3-tier and 50% in AC 2-tier and AC First Class basic mail/express fares. Concession is granted on production of the requisite certificate from recognized hospitals. One escort with each patient is also granted same concession.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Due to financial constraints, concession is not granted in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi trains.

Transportation of cement to NER

3839. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that NER required 125 to 150 rakes of cement every month from October to May in a year for construction and development works under Central/State Government/Local Bodies/Private Schemes since NER is dependent on other States for getting cement and mode of transport is railway only;

(b) if so, what steps Railways have taken to provide cement rakes to NER from various Railway Zones; and

(c) what Government have released and planned for allotment of cement rakes to NER from different Railway Zones during the period from October, 2002 to May, 2003?